

RED PLOT TO KILL WILSON CHARGED

'Blast's' Words to 'Weathercock of White House' Used at Trial

MOONEY CALLED CONSPIRACY CHIEF

Berkman and Woman Are Named in 'Frisco Explosion to Wreck Property

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—That President Wilson's life was threatened by an anarchistic organization known as "The Blasters," of which Thomas J. Mooney, on trial here for murder, was a leader, will be brought out by evidence in the assertion of Edward A. Tamm, Assistant District Attorney, in his opening address to the jury in the Superior Court to-day.

"I will prove," he said, "that these men plotted revolution against the government. I will prove that they said in an edition of 'The Blast' that the weathercock in the White House had better watch out. Suppression of the voice of the disaffected leads to assassination."

Tamm outlined the history of the bomb explosion here last July during a parade in which ten persons lost their lives and in which it is charged Mooney had a part.

Motive for Crime

"I will show a motive for Mooney's participation in this crime and that he was advised and encouraged by," the prosecutor said. "I will prove that prior to January, 1916, Mooney, Alexander Berkman, Miss M. E. Fitzgerald and others entered into a conspiracy to bring about an uprising against property owners, the confiscation of private property and the destruction of government, and that they called themselves 'The Blasters' and publicly announced in 'The Blast' the objects of their conspiracy. I will connect Mooney with this conspiracy by letters in his own writing and by articles he wrote. They planned to create a prejudice against and to betray the American Federation of Labor. Before the parade Mooney declared 'preparation must be thrown back into the teeth of its advocates.' Mooney declared if the government had a large army the revolution would be nipped in the bud."

Tamm asserted that Mooney and the other conspirators in their campaign against preparedness declared that the first one of them to be approached by a recruiting officer should shoot him down.

Defence Seeks Funds

"The Blast," an anarchistic publication, is printed in San Francisco. Berkman, its editor, at last accounts was in New York City raising funds to use in Mooney's defence. Miss Fitzgerald, associate editor, written March 4, 1916, in protest of alleged Federal suppression of free speech in Chicago and New York:

"We do not complain. We understand Wilson's position. We must do as his master bidding. This is the 'same policy' but we want to warn the weathercock in the White House."

"That article threatened the life of President Wilson," Clara declared. Mooney has a leading interest in "The Blast," said the prosecutor, who made charges in court last week that Berkman, Miss Fitzgerald and Robert Miller, a New York artist, had plotted to kill Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California. Minor, treasurer of Mooney's defence fund, wrote a letter to Governor Johnson denying the charge.

HUNT FOR AVIATORS FAILS

Little Hope of Finding Army Flyers Alive, Say Searchers

La Buis, Sonora, Jan. 18 (by courier to Yuma, Ariz.)—After a day of fruitless search, returning parties voiced the opinion to-night that there was slight hope of finding alive the army aviators, Lieutenant Colonel Harry G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robert, who have been lost in Sonora or Lower California since January 10.

Reactionaries Win Again; Control Czar's Cabinet

Appointment of Gen. Beliaeff as War Minister Blow to Progressives—Golitsin Forces Hold Power

By ISAAC DON LEVINE

The retirement of General Shuvaieff, the Russian War Minister, and the appointment of General M. A. Beliaeff to his post is another painful blow to the cause of the Russian progressive elements. The period of extreme reaction, inaugurated in Russia with the rise of Golitsin to the Premiership, is evidently still gaining momentum.

According to a London dispatch to "The Jewish Morning Journal," quoting "The Times," the resignation of Premier Trepoff last week was accompanied by similar action on the part of nearly all the other ministers. Pierre Bark, Minister of Finance; Nikolai Pokrovsky, the recently appointed Foreign Minister; and the rest of the Cabinet members, with the exception of the hated Protopopoff, Minister of Interior, tendered their resignations to the Czar.

It is the first time in Russian history that the downfall of a Premier has been followed by the retirement of nearly the whole Cabinet. It indicates how complete is the control of the government and the nation by the reactionary forces. That these elements are determined thoroughly to reorganize the government without delay and vacillation is shown by the Czar's unprecedented measure in regard to the membership of the Imperial Council, promulgated early in the week.

Council Autocracy's Pillar

The Imperial Council, which is Russia's upper house, has been since its establishment the most reactionary public body in the Slavic empire. It was the pillar of the autocracy and bureaucracy, never failing to support the government in critical times. But the recent upheaval in Russia was so profound as to even deeply affect the Council's attitude toward the government. A majority was formed in the Council, which joined the Duma in its bitter attacks against the government.

The Czar, by a decree issued on January 14, retired several liberal members of the Council to place Opposition in the minority. This effect was certainly enhanced by the appointment to the presidency of the Council of Stucheglovitch, who was formerly affiliated with the Black Hundred organization.

The retirement now of General Shuvaieff will further provoke the people. For it was General Shuvaieff, in the critical days of last November, when Premier Sturmer and the Duma were engaged in the bitter contest, who suddenly appeared in parliament and offered the army's support to the Duma.

Blow to Democracy

No more painful blow could have been struck at the Russian democracy

SAYS WAR WILL MAKE REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Miss Doty Declares Vindictive Spirit Is Shown Only by Civilians

"Germany will not remain a monarchy after the war," declared Miss Madeleine Z. Doty at a meeting of the Circle Club yesterday in Mount Morris Baptist Church, Fifth Avenue and Hundred and Twenty-seventh Street.

Miss Doty, who recently returned from studying war conditions in Germany and whose articles have been appearing in The Sunday Tribune, had been scheduled to address the Circle Club on prison conditions in this country, but was requested to discuss the war, instead.

"The two subjects are not as different as would appear," Miss Doty said. "Both the war and the had prison conditions have come about through the misapprehension of the two words 'punishment' and 'duty.' If the Allies in the beginning had not the German as very virtuous little boys treat a bad little boy, a great deal of bloodshed might have been averted."

"The only place where you find a vindictive spirit is among the civilians," Miss Doty declared. "The soldiers and the women are coming to look at the war in an impersonal way."

GEN. BELIAEFF RUSSIA'S NEW MINISTER OF WAR

London, Jan. 18.—General M. A. Beliaeff has been appointed Minister of War in the place of General Chouvaieff, who has been made a member of the Council of the Empire, says a Petrograd dispatch to Reuters. General Beliaeff was formerly Assistant Minister of War and Chief of the General Staff.

Prince Vladimir Volkonsky, Assistant Minister of the Interior and formerly President of the Duma, has been placed on the retired list. The Prince was the first member of the Duma to receive a high administrative post.

General Beliaeff is the fourth Minister of War Russia has had since the outbreak of the war.

Sick leave of two months has been granted Foreign Minister Pokrovsky and Minister of Commerce Shavskoy, according to the "Rech." The newspaper comments that their vacation will extend far beyond the opening of parliament, January 25.

than the dismissal of General Shuvaieff, to whom popular imagination ascribes the downfall of Sturmer. In Russia his resignation undoubtedly will be interpreted as a victory for the pro-German elements in the government circles. But the name of his successor, M. A. Beliaeff, hardly justifies such a view.

The new War Minister, in the capacity of Chief of the General Staff, in which he served until his new appointment, has shown himself to be one of the most efficient officers in the Russian army. He is only fifty-four years old, one of the youngest War Ministers Russia ever had. There is no reason to doubt Beliaeff's will to prosecute the war to the end. But, coming after Shuvaieff, the new War Minister will not satisfy Russia.

Indeed, the Russian crisis is likely to grow more and more acute every day. For it is clear that the new cabinet is going to be as reactionary a body as there ever was in Russia. The attitude of the government toward the Imperial Council also augurs little good as to its attitude toward the Duma.

Gerard Sent Resignation With His Speech, Is Report

Feared Wilson's Disapproval; Story Denied in Washington

London, Jan. 18, 4:02 A. M.—United States Ambassador Gerard offered to resign if President Wilson disapproved his speech at the banquet given for him by the American Association of Commerce and Trade, according to a Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company quoting a Cologne telegram. The dispatch says the ambassador sent a special messenger to Washington with an explanation of his speech and his offer of resignation if the explanation was unsatisfactory.

Washington, Jan. 18.—State Department officials said to-day that while Ambassador Gerard had been requested to send a report of his speech and had done so, the report did not contain an offer of resignation, as reported from Cologne. The original request for the actual text was made largely because of the wide publicity given the remarks and not in any spirit of censure.

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WOMEN LAWYERS BARRED FROM ENGLISH COURTS

Council Refuses Them Recognition by an Overwhelming Majority

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, Jan. 18.—The closest union in the world—the English bar—wants no women pleading before it. An overwhelming majority of the bar council voted to-day against admitting the gentler sex to practice in English law courts.

Holford Knight, representing the women, made a formal appeal to the council. He declared that only public duties prevented Lord Robert Cecil from coming to his support. His plea got a chilly reception.

Attorney General F. E. Smith, leading the anti-feminist majority, declared that, with 1,300 members of the profession fighting for their country and forced temporarily to abandon their practice, this was no time to bring forward a revolutionary proposition.

Women have been clamoring for years to be admitted to the bar. In 1903 the Lord Chancellor, rejecting Miss Bertha Cave's application, said: "There is no precedent for ladies being called to the English bar and the judges are unwilling to create one."

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ties, the extent of which amaze Americans who are resident there and who know the capabilities of the Russian secret police. These German agents are directing their efforts toward undermining Russian confidence in the British.

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"Best Guarded Block in New York" Is Scene of Robbery

The police of the Second Branch Detective Bureau were annoyed yesterday. Not only was their pride wounded, but also that of the private watchmen who patrol Fifth Avenue in the vicinity of Forty-fourth Street, Delmonico's and Sherry's, as well.

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RECORD VALUATION FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Short Crops Last Year Brought Exceptionally High Prices

Washington, Jan. 18.—American farm products attained a gross value of \$13,449,000,000 in 1916, making that year the greatest in point of value of any in the nation's existence. That estimate of the year's gross value of farm crops and animal products, announced to-day by the Department of Agriculture, exceeds by \$2,674,000,000 the total of 1915, the previous record, and by more than three and a half billion dollars the value in 1914. Crop production for the year was comparatively low and did not reach record figures, except in a few minor instances, but high prices sent total values up.

Crops were valued at \$9,111,000,000 and animal products at \$4,338,000,000. The crop value exceeded that of 1915 by \$2,204,000,000 and of 1914 by \$2,299,000,000. Crops alone in 1916 were worth more than crops and animal products combined in any year prior to 1912.

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ARMY AVIATION STUDENTS WAIT AT JANITOR'S JOB

Officers Deny Mineola Instructors Had to Paint and Clean

That cheerful person who smiles at disagreeable tasks and considers them merely a part of the day's work would seem, from the attitude taken by the student instructors at the United States Signal Corps aviation station, at Mineola, Long Island, to be unfitted for the hazardous business of flying.

These men—eight in number—began, it is understood, to find their jobs irksome ten days ago when they were put to work moving machinery and cleaning out rooms of the new buildings. It was also said that they had been ordered to paint the walls and ceilings of the new machinery building.

This, however, was sharply denied by one of the army officers at the field yesterday.

"The aviation instructors have never been ordered to sweep floors, or to paint walls or ceilings," he said. "They have never been told to do any work that was incompatible with their dignity."

Captain J. E. Carberry, who is in charge of the field, is in Washington on business. The officer quoted did not wish his name used, in the absence of the commanding officer.